June 10, 1968

PERSONAL

Detective Sergeant Phillip Birch
Metropolitan Police
New Scotland Yard
London, S. W. 1, England

Dear Sergeant Birch:

On behalf of all of us in the FBI I would like to extend congratulations and appreciation for the excellence of your work in the investigation involving James Earl Ray. Your alertness in recognizing the alias under which this badly wanted fugitive was traveling and in promptly reporting his presence to your official superior led to Ray's apprehension.

Your actions in this matter were indeed in the highest tradition of good law enforcement and I wanted you to know of our gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Sergeant Birch is not identifiable in Bufiles. He was at the airport and saw the name on the airport manifest and recognized Ray's alias from previous briefing. He reported this information to his superior, which led directly to Ray's apprehension.

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